

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated May 11, 2006, claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10-12, 15, 16, 24-26, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,991,881 ("Conklin"). Claims 3-4, 9, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conklin and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,515 ("Raz"). Claims 5 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conklin and further in view of Applied Cryptography ("Schneier"). Claims 17-23 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Conklin in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,947,430 ("Chaum"). Applicant traverses the rejections and amends claims 1, 7, 16, and 24.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Moorthy for his time and consideration during the telephonic interview conducted with the undersigned on May 25, 2006. During the interview, the undersigned pointed out that the Trap PDU described in the cited referenced, Conklin, did not indicate that a router should be excised from a network. Instead, the Trap PDU initiates a logging and monitoring process of subsequent communications with the router. However, a signal indicating that a router should be excised from a network is the explicit subject matter of each of the independent claims. As a result, as indicated in the Examiner's Interview Summary dated July 31, 2006, the Examiner agreed to withdraw Conklin as a reference. Thus Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejections to claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10-12, 15, 16, 24-26, and 32.

Neither Raz, Applied Cryptography, nor Chaum cure the deficiencies of Conklin. Therefore Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejections to claims 3-5, 9, 13, 14, and 17-23.

During the interview, Examiner Moorthy requested Applicant amend various claims to more clearly interrelate structural elements recited therein. Applicant hereby amends claims 1, 7, 16, and 24 accordingly. No new matter is added.

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In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-007 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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